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Robey-Hinkle Log House

Architectural Survey File

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Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the "vertical files" at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes X no

Property Name: Robey Hinkle Log House	Inventory Number: AL-III-C-002
Address: Hinkle Road, one mile south of Rt. City:	Pleasant Grove Zip Code:
County: Allegany USGS To	pographic Map: <u>EVITTS CREEK</u>
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This house is part of the Hinkle Farm Group which also inclu Hinkle Blockhouse Site.	ides AL-III-C-084 Leonard Hinkle House and AL-III-C-085
Prepared by: DOT/FHWA, Emil Elinsky	Date Prepared: 07/07/1978
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW Eligibility recommended X Eligibility	ity not recommended
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MHT Comments: The Robey Hinkle Log House AL-III-C-002 was Federally no	ominated for the National Register of Historic Places.
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	Date
William J. Murtagh	February 07, 1978
Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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The Hinkle Farm Group is located six miles east of Cumberland, Maryland, in the deeply rolling farm and forest land of eastern Allegany County. Its structures are situated between several well forested knobs, primarily on the farm of William Hinkle. The Hinkle Road runs from northwest (at the National Pike, originally, now connecting with U.S. 40) to the southeast (to the former hamlet of Twiggtown). The Hinkle farm lies for the most part on the northeastern side of the road, the small Robey parcel on the southwestern side.

The Hinkle farm is characterised by the rich pasture and cultivated land typical of this part of Maryland. Scenic enhancement is provided by extensive hardwood and evergreen forests on the property.

The main house for the farm was for over a century that known as the Leonard Hinkle house. Built in 1855, it is in nearly original condition. It consists of two parts, the original block and a two-storey addition on the northwestern end, walls coplanar with those of the original block. The older portion is a two-storey frame block, three-bays long and one deep, a fine vernacular neo-classical house with a standing seam metal hipped roof. There is a cornice on brackets with dentils running the circumference of the block and corner "pilasters," continuous vertical members from cornice to foundati A hipped roof porch supported on turned posts with a railing of spindle balusters protects the symmetrical double entrance of the first storey. The foundation of the porch is of coursed rubble as is that of the main block of the house. Steps leading to the porch are at its eastern end. Two windows flank the porch at basement level, with small square awning sash. The remaining windows of the house are 6/6 double hung sash will louvered shutters, set in simple wooden aedicules. The two symmetrically arranged entrance doors reached from the porch, are wide, with four panels each (two vertical pair and are set in frames similar to those of the windows.

There are indications that the present porch is a late-nineteenth century alteratic of the original, which was probably larger, with a similar roof form. The frame addition is two-bays with a central entrance at the first floor level, access to which has been removed. Its 2/2 double hung windows are set in frames like those of the main block. Its roof is a gently sloping shed, the eave matching the cornice line of the old block on the front, coming slightly below on the rear. There are rear entrance doors at ground level in each of the two portions of the house (the ground slopes upward toward the back). The entire house is sheathed in its original weathered clapboards. There are several small outbuildings (including a barn)associated with the house, all of frame and covered with the same kind of siding as the house.

The oldest extant structure is the original log portion of the Robey-Hinkle log house, which dates in its original state to the end of the eighteenth century. This portion is visible in the present structure as the large rectangular block to which numerous accretions have been attached. In its first state it was a simple hewn-log block, two-storeys high and three-bays long, with a gable roof, ridge parallel to the facade. This remains visible only above the first storey.

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A two-storey, gable-roofed addition has been set perpendicular to the northwest wall of the log block, and a one-storey extension of it has been added along the two sides of the eastern corner, with roofs sloped toward the original walls on both sides, meeting in a hip on the eastern corner. There is a small shed-roofed porch alo: the southwestern gable end, and a gable-roofed carport toward the southern end of the southeastern wall (ridge perpendicular to the wall). The house is covered with an asp siding on some walls, aluminum on others. There are small square windows in the gable ends and a collection of windows of various shapes and sizes elsewhere in the house, mostly modern alterations. All of these are aluminum, both casement and double hung, in single pane sash. The original log house is thus effectively buried in additions of indeterminate date.

The site of the blockhouse (which would have been the oldest structure in the group had it survived) is occupied by the James Twigg House of 1910. This is a simple farmhouse typical of its vintage and region, a two-bay, two-storey block with gable roof and two-storey 'el'. The first storey of the facade has been altered with two large picture windows flanking the entrance, and is sheltered by a hipped-roof porch. The remaining windows are 2/2 double hung sash. Part of the foundation of the house i alleged to have been the foundation of the blockhouse.

The Hinkle Family Cemetery is located on the northernmost hill of the property and may be observed from the Leonard Hinkle House, across a deep dell. The grave ston of the earliest Hinkles are still legible.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Hinkle Farm Group constitutes the present-day remainder of the larger tract of land settled in the mid-eighteenth century by George Hinkle, Jr. and his son, George Plummer Hinkle. These were the first of the early Hinkles to settle in Allegany County, Maryland, which family was in turn among the first to settle permanently in Western Maryland. The land and extant buildings, occupied continuously by representatives of that family to the present day, are the record of the evolution of the Hinkles, the changes of needs and status. The pioneer settlement of an insecure frontier, just after the French and Indian Wars began with the construction of a fortification; increased prosperity and security later allowed the construction of a log house and eventually of a large farmhouse worthy of a well-established family which had begun to spread elsewhere in the region.

The three important structures of the group are reflective of two extremes of the architecture of the region: the highly pragmatic and utilitarian log house, and later balloon frame farmhouse; and the neo-classical 'big house', built with the advantages of increased time and resources to approach style and elegance. The log house is typical of its place both in its original configuration and as an example of continuous changes to accomodate changes in farm life. The Leonard Hinkle house is uncommon in its style and in the present integrity of its earliest portion.

The huge and well-documented Hinkle (or Henkle) family, with branches established primarily in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia, but with representatives across the nation, had its beginnings with the immigration of the Rev. Anthony Jacob Hinkle to Pennsylvania from the German Palatinate in 1717. Reverend Hinkle is noted for having established St. Michael's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germantown, Pennsylvania in 1721. His children began the extensive migration which characterizes the early years of the family. His son, George Rudolphus Henckle, founder of the IVth branch of the family, settled in the region of Frederick, Maryland, on Israel Creek, at the Monocacy about 1737. It was his son, George, Jr., who left the Monocacy settlement and established a holding prior to 1786 about six miles east of Fort Cumberland with his son, George Plummer. It is believed that the first structure erected by them was a defensive one, known later as the "Hinkle Blockhouse." This branch of the family became known as the Hinkles of the Blockhouse. It is suggested in the official family histories (cf. Cora C. Curry, Hinkle geneology and ms.) that the fortifications proved useful against Indian depredations, but details are lacking. The house now known as the James Twigg house is said (again by Mrs. Curry) to have been built upon the foundations of the old blockhouse.*

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The precise date of this fortification is open to question, George, Jr. having given up the Monocacy property in favor of his youngest sons in 1768 and officially recording the Cumberland property only in 1786. He could well have made the move anytime in the intervening years. A pre-revolutionary cannon and ball (the latter authenticated by the Smithsonian) were uncovered during the plowing of a field on the property, attesting to early frontier activity on the tract.

The log dwelling located across the Hinkle Road from the blockhouse site was built prior to 1800, during the tenure of George Plummer. Its continuous use since that time has necessitated additions and changes to the extent that an investigation into its original state would require its near-demolition. However, from what remains visible of the original structure on the exterior and interior, it may be inferred that it was originally consistent with the local paradigm of log house which may still be seen nearby: a rectangular block of two storeys and three bays with end chimneys and foundation of fieldstone, the hewn logs sheathed in clapboards.

Next to be built among the extant major structures was the Leonard Hinkle House of about 1855, a building of some architectural pretention in contrast to the abovementioned. Of the same general form as the log houses and heavy timber frame houses which were built in the region, its neo-classical detail and hipped roof set it apart. The fine millwork may have been produced at the earliest of the mills operated by the various branches of the Hinkle family. Its appearance has been essentially unaltered except for the modest frame addition at the north end, a simple structure, but unobtrusive in its context.

From 1908 a portion of the Hinkle property was in the possession of the Twigg family, and it was in 1910 that James Twigg built his house on the site of the Blockhouse This two-storey block-and-el farmhouse is of a type which was long popular in the region, from the last quarter of the nineteenth century to well into the twentieth, and is in largely original condition, with the exception of alterations in the first storey of the facade. The property returned to the Hinkle family through marriage shortly after the construction of the house.

The family cemetery, located on a high wooded hill at the northern corner of the property, contains the graves of George Hinkle, Jr. and George Plummer Hinkle.

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The present size of the Hinkle Farm is somewhat less than at its greatest extent. A few small plots along the southwestern side of the Hinkle Road have been sold as home sites within the past few decades. Consequently three houses disrupt the contiguity of the group, isolating the Robey-Hinkle log house from the rest of the structures with which it once shared the larger tract.

^{*} An earlier description of the blockhouse site by Mrs. Curry roughly corroborated this

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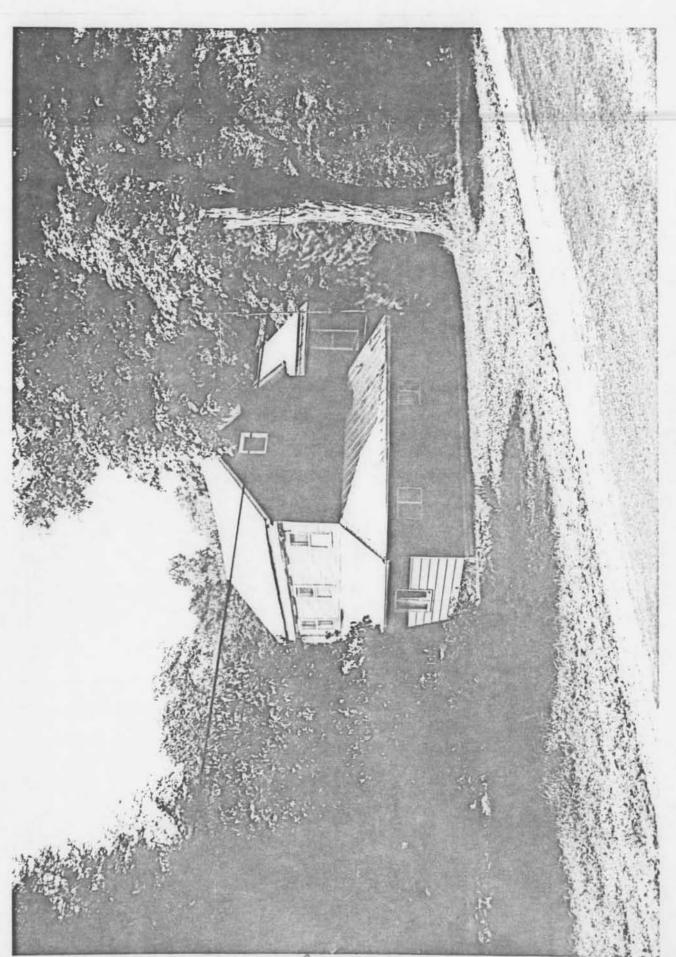
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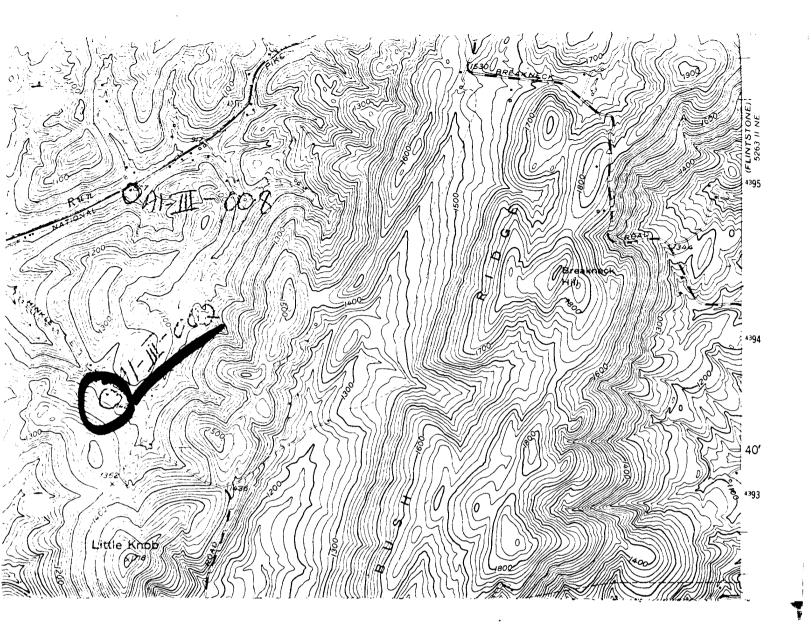
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Robey-Hinkle Log House
Hinkle Road, about 1 mile S of
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near Plesant Grove area east
of Cumberland



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